

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2004
8:45 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Ray Stevens, Chair
Bob Workman
Deb Schorr

Commissioners Absent: Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair
Bernie Heier

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:46 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

**1 APPROVAL OF THE STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 12, 2004**

MOTION: Workman moved and Schorr seconded approval of the Staff Meeting minutes of October 12, 2004. Workman, Schorr and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Request to Purchase County and State Right-of-Way on Northwest 27th Street and Highway 34 (Exhibit A)
- B. LR 346 (Interim Study of Issues Surrounding the Provision of Health Care to Individuals Incarcerated in Nebraska's Correctional Institutions and County Jails)
- C. Correspondence from David R. Cary Regarding the Multi-Modal Transportation Study Final Report (Exhibit B)
- D. On-Site Demonstration of a Motocross Track at 201 West South Street (November 3, 2004 at 2:30 p.m.)

MOTION: Workman moved and Stevens seconded approval of the additions to the agenda. Schorr, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

3 ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT (ACT) PROPOSAL - Dean Settle, Community Mental Health Center Director; C. J. Johnson, Program Administrator for the Region V Mental Health, Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Program; Topher Hansen, CenterPointe Director; Julie Hippen and Karen Authier, Lutheran Family Services, Alan Green, Mental Health Association

Dean Settle, Community Mental Health Center Director, said Region V will receive \$1.4 million in Phase I of behavioral health services reform funding and said the majority will be targeted for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) (a team treatment approach designed to provide comprehensive, community-based services psychiatric treatment, rehabilitation and support to persons with serious and persistent mental illness) (Exhibit C). The target population is adults who will be discharged from the State's three regional centers. He noted plans to establish an ACT Team in Lancaster County to serve around 70 persons in Region V at an annual cost of around \$988,000 (the collaborative organizations are the Mental Health Association, CenterPointe, Inc., Lutheran Family Services and the Community Mental Health Center). Settle said CenterPointe will serve as the fiscal agent and said Region V could contract with each of the three primary collaborators or there could be a master contract with CenterPointe, with the other primary collaborators subcontracting.

C. J. Johnson, Program Administrator for the Region V Mental Health, Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Program, said funds are also targeted to address high utilizing individuals in rural counties and said emergency community support and crisis response teams will be developed.

Settle said one of the first tasks will be to hire a program manager. He also recommended recruitment of a new psychiatrist to expand community capacity.

Workman inquired about the impact to General Assistance (GA).

Settle said the majority will have Medicaid benefits.

Schorr noted there will be discussion of GA at the next Region V Governing Board Meeting.

Settle also disseminated copies of Community Mental Health Center Annual Report 2003-2004 (Exhibit D).

4 FAMILIES FIRST & FOREMOST (F³) COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE FAMILY MEMBERS - Kathy Dunning, Family Resource Center Coordinator; Joan Kinsay, Jasmin Stewart and Kimberlee Smith, Families First & Foremost (F³) Family Members

Kathy Dunning, Family Resource Center Coordinator, said the Youth Assessment Center (YAC) was originally accessible to law enforcement and families in the community. It is now restricted to detention focused activities. She said a committee of stakeholders, including family members, is exploring the need for a community-based assessment center or process and has revisited the stakeholders' understanding of the original intent of YAC (Exhibit E). Dunning said she believes YAC should be accessible to families before the point of detention (preventive component) and asked the Board to consider returning YAC to its original focus.

Jasmin Stewart and Donald Handy, family members, relayed their difficulties in obtaining a diagnosis and services for their child.

Joan Kinsay, family member, said access to YAC should be available to those families whose children are displaying risk behaviors, having difficulty in school or are not in the System of Care. She said families need access to early mental health screening, assessment and referrals to services appropriate to the needs of the children.

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said YAC never provided the "one-stop shopping" that is being requested. He said it primarily provides evaluations for youth placed there through the Integrated Care Coordination Unit (ICCU) contract or the pre-adjudication process. Eagan said YAC was never a good "drop-off spot", as families objected to it being located with the detention center.

Dunning said YAC accepted family walk-ins in the past.

Schorr asked how meetings to discuss a Community Assessment Center are progressing.

Dunning said several proposals were brought forward, with no consensus. She said part of the problem is that there are no basic screening providers.

Schorr suggested development of a contract so that families could access YAC's services through the Family Resource Center.

Workman asked Renee' Dozier, Families First & Foremost (F³) Associate Director, to explain why F³ withdrew its funding of YAC.

Dozier explained that grant dollars could not be allocated for purposes that were not related to the plan that was submitted to the federal government.

Schorr said she believes there are other options available in the community and said she will enlist the involvement of Dennis Banks, Youth Services Center Director; Bruce Dart, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Director; and Cecelia Creighton, Peoples' Health Center Director.

Also present were: Greta Gregory, F³ Family Involvement Coordinator; Trish Blakely, Healthy Families Project; Gail Lorenzen, Families Inspiring Families; Sandra K. Zollicoser (Sister Kay); Nick Vaske, Robin Walker and Edgar Ramirez, Multicultural Youth Council; Angie Benson, Youth Partner; Linda Hamilton and Deb Hynek, family members.

- 5 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOND FOR TMCO** - John Albers, TMCO, Inc.; Lauren Wismer and David Lucas, Gilmore & Bell PC; Darl Naumann, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor/Economic Development; Lana Zumbrunn, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

John Albers, TMCO, Inc., provided information on his company and an overview of the expansion project (Exhibit F). He also extended an invitation to the Board to attend an open house to celebrate the company's 30th anniversary (Exhibit G).

Lauren Wismer, Gilmore & Bell PC, presented a draft resolution of intent to issue industrial development revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$3.5 million to finance the costs of the project (Exhibit H).

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- D. On-Site Demonstration of a Motocross Track at 201 West South Street (November 3, 2004 at 2:30 p.m.)

Darl Naumann, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor/Economic Development, encouraged Board members to attend.

6 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Request for Proposals (RFP) for Master Lease Purchase Program

Board consensus was to not participate in the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Master Lease Purchase Program.

B. Correspondence from John Losito of Sun Valley Lanes Regarding Private Security by Sheriff's Deputies

Stevens said the County Sheriff's decision to revise the policy relating to off-duty employment by Sheriff's deputies is based on workers' compensation concerns (see memorandum in the agenda packet).

Board consensus was to support the Sheriff's decision. The Board directed Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, to notify Losito.

C. Economic Development Grant Application with City (\$5,000 County Match)

Corrie Kielty, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, appeared and said the Greater Lincoln Workforce Investment Board, through the Urban Development Department, is applying for a \$1 million grant to fund the Healthcare Skills Shortage Training Project. She said the match requirement is \$500,000 and asked the Board to commit \$5,000 and submit a letter of support (Exhibit I).

MOTION: Schorr moved and Workman seconded to: 1) Commit \$5,000 to the grant match; 2) Ask Dave Kroeker, Budget and Fiscal Officer, to determine the funding source; and 3) Authorize a letter of support for the project. Schorr, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

D. Claim for Review from Human Services:

- PV 837-1315, dated October 5, 2004, payable to A to Z Printing in the amount of \$7,880. The payment voucher exceeds the \$1,000 purchasing guidelines which stipulates that a requisition is needed when purchasing from a non-contracted vendor. Therefore, bids should have been obtained.

Eagan distributed an explanation of the billing from the Human Services Department (Exhibit J) and said the department is working with the Purchasing Department to resolve the matter.

E. Proposed Testimony of Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator, Regarding LB 1253 (Adopt the Department of Community Corrections Act) (Exhibit K)

The Board did not object to the testimony

F. November 4, 2004 Staff Meeting Starting Time (8:45 a.m.)

The Board approved the change in meeting time.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Request to Purchase County and State Right-of-Way on Northwest 27th Street and Highway 34 (Exhibit A)

The Board discussed a request from Jim Burden to purchase County and State right-of-way at Northwest 27th Street and Highway 34. The State has offered to sell its tract to the County for \$3,400 and has appraised the County's right-of-way at \$6,000. The County Engineer will also submit a value and recommendation.

Board consensus was to seek a firm commitment from Burden before proceeding.

- B. LR 346 (Interim Study of Issues Surrounding the Provision of Health Care to Individuals Incarcerated in Nebraska's Correctional Institutions and County Jails)

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, will attend the hearing.

- C. Correspondence from David R. Cary Regarding the Multi-Modal Transportation Study Final Report (Exhibit B)

The Board declined Cary's offer to brief the Board on the study findings.

7 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

- A. Monthly Meeting of County Board Chair/Vice Chair and Mayor - Stevens, Hudkins

Stevens said discussion focused on: 1) Funding of Community Learning Centers (CLC); 2) Jail interlocal agreement; 3) Cost to finish the third floor of the County-City Building; 4) Sidewalk, Roads and Trails Committee (SRT); 5) Rural-to-Urban Transition Streets (RUTS); 6) A joint public transportation agency; 7) Gas tax; and 8) Wheel tax.

- B. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee - Schorr

Schorr said the committee opposes a motocross track at 201 West South Street, due to its close proximity to Sherman Field.

Schorr also reported that the Salvation Army of Lincoln's application for funding from a \$1.5 billion gift to the Salvation Army from the estate of Joan B. Kroc, wife of the founder of the McDonald's restaurant company, to create a multi-service community center has cleared the first round.

C. General Assistance Monitoring Committee - Stevens, Schorr

Schorr said Gary Chalupa, Veterans Service Officer/General Assistance Director, reported on the caseload.

D. Public Building Commission - Hudkins, Workman

Workman reported an estimate of \$3.5 million to finish the third floor of the County-City Building.

E. Monthly Meeting of Public Building Commission Chair/Vice Chair and Mayor - Hudkins

No report.

F. Board of Health Meeting - Hudkins

No report.

G. Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Board Meeting - Workman

Workman said the NACO Board voted to support Proposed Amendment 1 (would authorize the Legislature to exempt from taxation, in whole or in part, the increased value of real property resulting from the renovation, rehabilitation or preservation of historically significant real property). There was also a presentation on the Flexible Employee Benefit Account (FEBA).

Workman urged the Board to consider membership in the National Association of County Officials (NACo).

H. Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Budget Monitoring - Workman, Stevens

Stevens said concern was expressed regarding the lack of adequate funding for following projects: 1) Stevens Creek; 2) Antelope Valley; and 3) Harris Overpass. The also discussed how to pay for projects that were on the bond issue that failed.

I. Juvenile Justice Review Committee - Heier

No report.

8 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Workman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m. Workman, Schorr and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
Lancaster County Clerk